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CONVENTIO! 23

AN ORGANIZATION EFFECTED

W. S. DICKEY PRESIDENT AND H. H. ALLEN SECRETARY.

Active Work Will Begin January 1, and a Systematic and Organized Effort to Get Every Convention Possible Will

Be Made.

The long looked for convention bureau is an established fact, permanent organization having been effected last night when delegates from thirty-five organizations met at Lyceum hall and adopted a constitution and elected permanent officers.



Kansas City Convention

The following are the officers who will hold their positions until January 1, 1901: W. S. Dickey, president; John H. Wiles, vice president; F. D. Crabbs, treasurer, and

When Mr. Dickey called the delegates to order the preliminary steps that had been the first committee were explained and a roll was called of those who had answered the invitation to meet as a general committee. The meeting then proto adopt a constitution and there was a long tangled discussion as to what methods should be taken in the establish-

Ed Krauthoff had been retained to draft Ed Krauthoff had been retained to draft a constitution and articles of incorporation. It was decided to vest the general control of the bureau in a committee of the delegates present and leave the active work in the hands of an executive committee of nine members. The election of directors was postponed until another meeting should be called by the president.

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The following are the men who responded to the call and were present last night:

D. W. Ryder, E. G. Fish, C. E. Carson,
L. M. Jones, W. C. Goffe, K. G. Leavens,
J. R. Dominick, J. T. Woolsey, C. D.
Parker, W. S. Hannah, J. C. McCoy, C. H.
Hain, C. R. Davidson, E. F. Allen, J. D.
Havens, F. D. Crabbs, Oscar Davis, S.
Stultz, W. S. Dickey, John H. Wiles, W.
A. Kelly, S. J. Hayde, F. J. Shinnick, W.
E. Harris, W. W. Rose, J. E. Nichols, Dr.
B. H. Zwart, Dr. J. M. Langsdale, W. B.
Teasdale, F. B. Hamilton, F. M. Howe,
Walter C. Root, Alfred H. Simpson, W. H.
Reed, E. D. Bigelow, C. H. Kirshner, E.
C. Washburn, P. W. Strawbridge, L. Baer,
H. C. Garnett, A. D. L. Hamilton, H. H. bureau will begin January 1.

H. C. Garnett, A. D. L. Hamilton, H. H. Allen, James E. Fitzgerald, E. H. Phelps, Dr. J. W. Kiger, A. J. Middleton. PREPARING FOR WINTER.

Executive Board of the Associated Charities Holds a Meeting at the Commercial Club.

The executive board of the Associated Charities of Kansas City met at the Com-mercial Club rooms yesterday afternoon to outline a plan for the winter's cam-paign. A full representation was present and the details of the work were discussed at length. An address to the people of the city was formulated, which explains the organization of the Charities Associathe organization of the Charities Association and the proposed method of relieving the needs of worthy people in distress.

The Associated Charities propose to call upon the business men of the city to give their subscriptions to the association, that through the central organization, the subscriptions can be appropriated to the best possible advantage. It is also arranged to have suitable cards printed to distribute among the firms and individuals subscribing to indicate their connection with the association. The general secretary of the association. J. H. Hanson, will begin Monday calling on those who will be asked to subscribe to the charities. Mr. Hanson came to Kansas City from St. Paul, where he had much experience in charity work.

Is said, and in order that the public shall to to make use of it, it has been boarded up at either end. Cummings, who lives at Sixteenth and Wyoming streets, was on his way home, and had crawled under the boards.

When he got to where the steps lead down to St. Louis avenue, he could not see that a dozen steps had been taken away, and he plunged to the street, twelve feet below. Dr. Manahan treated him at police headquarters and sent him to the city hospital. On account of his age, the injuries are liable to prove serious.

HELP IS ASKED.

A BLESSING FOR MANKIND.

What a Kansas City Man Has Done-His Name Honored by the People.

Never before in the history of Kansas City has interest been so great in any one City has interest been so great in any one man, or any one institution, as it is to-day in Dr. C. H. Carson and his now famous Temple of Health, corner Washington and Twelfith streets. Never before has the world ever seen a power so unique and marvelous that, without medicine, without painful or dangerous surgical operations of any kind, heals the sick, removes cancerous tumors, straightens crooked limbs and almost invariably cures the chronic diseases which were heretofore regarded as hopeless.

where, in all this wide world, is there one man or woman suffering with a painful and life-destroying disease who would not welcome relief did they but know where it could be found? There is not one. Thousands of these have come in the past, and are coming now to this great healer, and thousands of others, who have yet to hear of his power, will come in the future.

Mr. Edward A. Kimball, C. S. D., of Mr. Edward A. Kimodii, C. S. D., of Chicago, Ill., member of the international board of lectureship of the First Church of Christ, Scientists, Boston, Mass., will de-liver a lecture this afternoon at 3 p. m., on Christian Science, at the First Church of Christ, Scientists, Ninth and Forest ave-nue. The public is cordially invited. Seats

Hotel Victoria. Bath with every room. Rates, \$2.00 and \$2.50. O. B. Stanton, Prop.

membered by a Number of Old Friends.

yesterday. Quite a number of his friends, who always keep tab on him, knew that was his birthday, and one by one last evening dropped in on the judge and his family at 2433 Troost avenue to pay their respects and tender congratulations and OR WIVES MAY BE SUMMONED good wishes. Among the callers were Major William Warner, Father W. J. Dalton, C. O. Tichenor, Thomas A. Witten, Colonel R. H. Hunt, John Stevens, Frank F. Rozzelle and Fred Howard. An elegant dinner was served and the

many friends of the well known jurist alked and smoked until a late hour. Judge McDougal was born in Marion county, Va., in 1844. He served as a pricounty, Va., in 1844. He served as a private soldier in the Union army during the civil war and came West in 1896. He lived in Gallatin, Daviess county, Mo., until fifteen years ago, when he came to this city and engaged in the practice of law.

He was mayor of Gallatin in 1870 and 1871; was judge of the probate court of Daviess county from 187? to 1876, was president of the Missouri Bar Association in 1994 and 1895, was city counselor of Kansas City

1895, was city counselor of Kansas City from 1895 to 1897 and has been a member of the bar of the supreme court of the United

HE WANTS \$110,000.

His Father-in-Law, Dr. W. S. Woods.

Arthur Grissom brought suit in the cir cuit court yesterday against his father-inages for allenation of his wife's affections

and breach of contract. In his petition for damages for \$100,000 for alienating his wife's affections, Mr. Grissom recites his marriage to Julia Stone May 1, 1895, in New York. He charges that immediately after the marriage Dr. Woods circulated stories derogatory to Mr. Gris-som's character, and aroused in his wife's but merely to give the committee such in mind suspicions which were unfounded, re-

mind suspicions which were unfounded, resulting in an estrangement.

He charges that Dr. Woods threatened to disinherit his daughter if she accompanied her husband to New York in 1896; that he prevailed upon the couple to return to Kansas City on the promise to provide means for Mr. Grissom's more profitable advancement here, which contract, Mr. Grissom clalms, Dr. Woods did not carry out; that he compelled his daughter to go to Hot Springs, Ark., leaving her husband here; that he brought about an estrangement and made husband and wife regard each other with mutual aversion, and finally, that Dr. Woods has taken his daughter to Eastern cities and forced her to live apart from her husband.

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In his petition for \$10,000 for breach of contract, Mr. Grissom alleges that Dr. Woods agreed to give him \$300 per month for his maintenance, but failed to carry out the agreement.

COFFEE SHIPS STILL HELD. Taylor's Cargo May Be Admitted After the Coffee Has Been Roasted.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 .- At the public hearing of the Santos coffee question before the board of health to-day agents of steamship companies, whose vessels and cargoes have been held up to keep out bubonle plague, showed a strong front.

The session continued for three hours, and the board reserved its decision until Monday. It is not likely that the 45,000 bags of coffee from the J. W. Taylor will be admitted, but the board may allow it to be roasted on the beach and then pass it within the city limits.

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A protest was made against the action of the board in refusing to allow the cargo of the Roman Prince to be landed. President Murphy said that he did not understand that the board had laid an embargo on all coffee.

Dr. Doty and Dr. Jenkins, members of the board, here asserted that the cargo of the Taylor, after submission to open air disinfection and scientific process, is not a menace to public health. President Murphy said he did not agree with them.

Dr. Cosby and President York, of the police board, who is ex-officio a member of the board of health, stood by Colonel Murphy. The board will hold a private meeting Monday. The lighters with the J. W. Taylor's coffee have been given permission to go to Bettels basin, half a mile from quarantine.

WALKED OFF THE VIADUCT. Charles K. Cummings, 51 Years Old. Broke His Left Hip-Injury

May Prove Serious. Charles K. Cummings, 51 years old, an employe of Wiggen & Trower, at the stock yards, sustained a fracture of his left hip last evening by walking off the St. Louis avenue end of the Wyoming street via duct. This viaduct has been condemned, it

Colored Orphan Home at 1023 Vine Street Makes an Appeal to the Public for Assistance. The home for colored orphan children, at

1023 Vine street, is in need of assistance. The management is preparing to open larger home to accommodate 200 colored orphan children.
A convention of colored farmers and mechanics will be held here in the near future and the net proceeds will be turned over to this home

MEMPHIS. Dec. 9 .- It is reported here that all o Munger-Pratt Gin Company, of Birmingham, Ala., and the Pratt Gin Company, of Prattsville, Ala.

John Jay Banquet.

The entertainment committee of the Commercial Club held a long session yesterday. The most important matter that was considered was the details of the John Jay banquet to be held at the Midland hotel, December 15. The committee has had rather poor success thus far in getting acceptances to the invitations that have been sent out to prominent men to speak on that occasion.

Wanted in Illinois for Forgery.

ST. JOSEPH, MO., Dec. 9.—(Special.) Arthur B. McCord and wife, a stylishly dressed couple, were arrested here to-night on the strength of a telegram from the chief of police of Pecria, Ill., where McCord is alleged to have committed numerous forgeries.

All Kansas City is but a step from HO-TEL BALTIMORE. Fire proof without a doubt. Stop there next time you're in town.

55 YEARS OLD YESTERDAY. Judge H. C. McDougal Pleasantly Re- MAY GO TO UTAH

Judge H. C. McDougal was 55 years old ROBERTS INQUIRY COMMITTEE HAS NOT YET DECIDED.

FIRST WIFE WOULD BE EXEMPT, BUT NOT THE OTHERS.

Mr. Roberts Bitterly Attacks One of the Men Who Gave Information Against Him Yesterday-Roberts' Daughter May

Be Called.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.- The first of the public hearings in the Roberts case began at 2 o'clock. At that heur the committee the bar of the supreme court of the United States for the past twenty years. Judge McDougal has tried some of the very important law cases, Within the short space of four months he settled the celebrated water works case involving the sum of \$3,179,000. The case had been in litigation for six years and Judge McDougal settled it to the satisfaction of every citizen of the city.

For ten years the judge was a member of the law firm of Shanklin, Low & McDougal, at that time the largest law firm in the state of Missouri. the charges were present, and he asked

that they be heard. Mr. A. T. Schroeder, one of the Gentile delegation from Utah, then stepped for-Arthur Grissom Brings Suit Against | ward, and was about to proceed, when Mr. Roberts rose hastly and raised his hand in

"I object," he said. "I object to this witness, if he comes here as an attorney. I object to him if he comes as a witness, on the ground that he is unworthy of confidence and because he is a common swindler, and I propose to establish by the su-preme court of Utah that he is utterly un-

Utah supreme court report in support of formation as he could, and the committee

Mr. Roberts did not press his objection further, and Mr. Schroeder proceeded. Mr. Schroeder said that it could be established that Mr. Roberts had maintained, and is now maintaining, the status of a polygamist; that, in 1889, he pleaded guilty of un lawful cohabitation, and has since that

lawful cohabitation, and has since that time continued in that relation. Specincally, Mr. Schroeder said it could be established there had been recently born to his polygamous wives, among them being twins, born to Celia Dibbie Roberts, the reputed second wire of the congressman-elect. These children were represented to be born, he said, August II, 1857, and, until this morning, he had understood they were acknowledged by Roberts as his. It could also be shown that he had been holding out Dr. Maggie Shipp Roberts as a wife and is now maintaining the status of a husband toward her, that, during all of these times, he had living a lawful wife, Louisa Smith Roberts, who alone has borne him children.

Mr. Schroeder said the witnesses were in little that the committee that readily accessible if the committee to the contributed to foreign missions is \$1,881.35.

Chairman Tayler stated Roberts had not appeared as a witness, and was not under oath. Mr. Roberts said his statement was for the purpose of joining issues. He rested and desired a ruling on his demurrer and time to present authorities on this demurrer, for, he said, he was not through with that. He stated, also, that, as a witness, he would hardly be expected to give evidence against himself. The public hearing then went over until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, and the committee held a private session.

rivate session.

Mr. Tayler, of Ohio, said, after the exceutive session, that the committee was considering whether it should go to Utah or have the witnesses come here, and that no decision had been reached. Mr. Schroed er, against whom Roberts made his pro-tests, said, after the meeting:

Mr. Roberts refers to a civil suit brought to set aside an execution sale made by the sheriff of Salt Lake county. I was the attorney of the judgment creditors and at the sheriff's sale became the purcreditors and at the sheriff's sale became the pur-chaser in my own name, with the consent of my clients. It is a long story, but suffice it to say that Judge Bartch, now on the supreme bench, who tried the case, in rendering his oral decision, expressly exonerated me from all imputation of actual fraud. Mr. Roberts goes a long way to find means for dis-tracting attention from himself, but the case is urgent and perhaps I ought to consider him justified in going to any extreme. n going to any extreme.

It is understood that the opposition to

Roberts has suggested that the wives with whom he is alleged to have maintained polygamous relations be summoned as wit-nesses. The first wife, it is said, would be polygamous relations be summoned as witnesses. The first wife, it is said, would be exempt from testifying against her husband as she has a legal status as wife, but this exemption would not extend beyond the first wife. A subcommittee consisting of Messrs, Morris, Littlefield and Miers has been appointed to get up forms of subcommences etc. in connection with the curoenaes, etc., in connection with the sum-

poenaes, etc.. In connection with the summoning of witnesses.

When the consideration of the case of Mr. Roberts was resumed this morning. Mr. Roberts was asked if he conceded the existence of the court record wherein he nleaded guilty in 1889 under the Edmunds-Tucker law. This he conceded. He was next asked whether, about 1887, or since 1899, he married plural wives and had lived with them since that time as wives. To the whole of this charge Roberts nleaded not guilty, and then demurred to the jurisdiction of the committee.

Washington Notes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(Special.) The new Okla-homa statehood bill, introduced by Delegate Flynn, provides, in addition to an independent revenue dis-trict, for the election of two representatives in con-gress. In other respects, the measure is an exact copy of the one introduced by him in the Fifty-fourth congress.

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The Kansas Republican delegation, at a meeting
held to-day, agreed to unite in a request to the attorney general to grant the petition of the guards
at the United States penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth for the enforcement of the eight hour law.
Gasper Edwards, a teacher at the Fort Lewis, Col.,
Indian school as been made superintendent of the
indian school at Ponca, in place of Superintendent
Light, transferred to the Pawnee school.

Representative Miller, of Kansas, will on Monday
introduce a bill providing for the purchase of a site
and the erection of a public building at Emporia,
Kas., to cost \$100,000.

Next Confederate Reunion. LOUISVILLE, Dec. 9.—Word was received here to-day from General John B. Gordon, commanding the United Confederate veterans, that the dates May 30 to June 3, inclusive, had been decided upon for the annual reunion which this year is to be held in

How Succi "Fasted."

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 9.—Succi, the famous Italian faster, has been unmasked here. Dr. Daniel Almelda has discovered that he used fibrous meat compressed into the smallest size, and this, with a small quantity of mineral water, was enough to prevent starvation.

MURDER AT BICYCLE RACE.

New Jersey Man Mortally Wounded by Medical Student in Madison Square Garden.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.-An hour after the blg bicycle race ended in Madison Square garden to-night, and during the excitemen attending a fifteen-mile pursuit race, Frederick S. Slater, of Rahway, N. J., seated in one of the lower boxes, was shot and mortally wounded by Walter Rosser, 19 years old, a medical student, living in this city. The shooting occurred as the result of a quarrel over a bet the men had made on the result of the six-day race. Slater was taken to Bellevue hospital. He was shot in the left breast, and it is stated there that he cannot live. There were 11,000 or 12,000 persons in the

big amphitheater at the time, and some of these rushed at Rosser. Two hundred pothese rushed at Rosser. Two hundred policemen charged through the mob with drawn clubs, and, surrounding Rosser, rushed him through the crowd.

Rosser was intoxicated at the time, it is said. He had been going about making bets on the races with various people, and walked up to the box in which Slater and a party of friends were seated and said he was ready to bet five to one that Eaton would win the next race. Eaton was not would win the next race. Eaton was not in the next race, and, in a spirit of fun. Slater made a bet with him. Just as the finish of the race was exciting thousands of people, some one near Slater called out to him:

"He's got a gun, look out." Rosser had already pulled out a revolver, and he fired point blank at Slater. The bullet struck him in the left breast, just over the heart. The crowd was shouting so loudly over the race that few persons heard the shot. Those in the immediate vicinity of the shooting saw Slater fall backward into the shooting saw Slater fall backward into the shooting saw Slater fall backward into the arms of a young woman who sat directly behind him. His head fell in her lap. A crowd rushed over toward the scene of the shooting and tried to lay hold of Rosser, but a couple of policemen were too quick for them and they held the murderer away. Other policemen came to their aid and, surrounding the medical student, they forced him through the mob. The crowd tried to break through several times, but the police kept them back with their clubs. Rosser was taken to the overcoat room, where, after recovering consciousness, he identified Rosser as the man who shot him.

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Mr. Schroeder remarked that he did not understand that he was on trial.

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MISSOURI ENDEAVORERS.

Rev. W. L. Darby, of Kirksville, Elected President of the State Association.

Omaha's Spectacular Judge Summon Pastors to Answer for Con-

committed to jail, and has directed that Rev. T. J. Mackay, of All Saint's church; Rev. Hubert C. Herring, pastor of the First Congregational church, and W. P. Harford be cited to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt of court in trying, by means of a letter, which they all signed, to influence the judge's action in the Dodd children habeas corpus

action in the Dodg children nabeas corpus proceedings.

Several years ago Dodd placed the chil-dren in the care of the Home for the Friendless, the officers of which found homes for them. Dodd is now suing to recover possession of the children, and letter in question was addressed to judge and set forth the opinion of writers that the little ones were better

where they were and recommended that they be allowed to remain.

Quivey is committed because, when the officers went after the children, they could not be found, and he is charged with secreting them.

EASTON TREATED WELL. Kansas City Correspondent Writer From Inside Where He Is Enjoying Himself.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(Special.) A letter from inside the Boer lines has been letter from Inside the Boer lines has been received here from Eugene Easton, the Kansas City correspondent who was reported captured by the Free Staters. It was written on October 20, a week after his arrival, and states that he was never treated better in his life. He reports having been favored with personal interviews by Presidents Steyn and Kruger, and speaks in glowing terms of both and of the courtesles shown him. The letter escaped censorship by a roundabout circuit via Portuguese, Africa and Europe.

A Girl Prevents a Strike.

ALTOONA, PA., Dec. 9.—By remaining at her loom in defiance of 800 strikers, one little girl prevented a tieup at the Altoona silk mill. A general strike of the 800 operatives had been planned, but when the one girl continued at work 700 employes returned to their work. The 100 operatives are still out. BRIEF BITS OF NEWS.

George W. Plant, of Maryland, has been appointed to a position at the Chilocco, I. T., Indian school.

Application has been made for the establishmen of rural free delivery service at Baschor, Kas., Bur lington Junction, Skidmore, Rutlege and Hopkins Mo.

French statistics of the past year show that the number of deaths has increased by 59,054, while the number of births has decreased by 15,174, a striking confirmation, it is pointed out, of the strictures made on the nation in Zola's latest book. It is estimated that by January from 140,000 to 150,000 cotton mill operatives in the North will be working under an advance of wages and that the advance in the South will bring the total in the United States above 150,000.

WILL BE ISSUED UNDER NEW MAN-AGEMENT TO-MORROW.

Mr. Lesneur, Who Is to Be General Manager, Says That He Has Not Yet Selected His Assistants

UNDER NEW REGIME.

-New Management's "Greeting."

The Kansas City Times Company late this Schurman met him as a member of the evening filed articles of association in the office of secretary of state and had issued to it a certificate of incorporation. It has a capital stock of \$200,000, all paid up. It is incorporated by G. L. Chrisman, John S. Sullivan and A. A. Lesueur, and the stock is divided among them as follows: Christman, 925 shares; Sullivan, 925 shares Lesueur, 150 shares. The purpose of the company is set out as follows: "To acquire, own and publish the newspaper known as The Kansas City Times, to do a general printing and publishing business; to engage in the gathering, disseminating and publishing news; to buy, sell, own and publish newspapers, and to

gage in a general newspaper publishing It is said that Major T. W. Park, who has been chief clerk in the department under Lesueur for the past nine years, will be given an important place on the editorial side of the paper. He is one of the best political writers in Missouri and spent many years of his life in news-paper work. It is said also that W. J. Chambliss, another newspaper man who has been in the office with Lesueur since he was first elected, will also go to the

The Times will appear to-morrow under the new management. Hon. A. A. Lesueur will have general supervision of the plant. He stated last night that he had not selected his assistants, and intimated that he would not be able to do so until becoming better acquainted with conditions. Mr. J S. Sullivan, of Jefferson City, was also here yesterday and joined in taking a bird's-eye view of his new interests. Mr. Sullivan said he had made the investment on purely business principles, and did not expect to be closely identified with the management. Judge G. L. Chrisman will be more or less connected with the daily grind and spent last night in looking at the wheels go 'round.

Mr. W. O. Cox, retiring proprietor, expressed his thanks to the readers and patrons of the Times and begged a generous support to his successors.

The editorial greeting of the Times this morning is as follows:

The Kansas City Times changes management to-S. Sullivan, of Jefferson City, was also

The Kansas City Times changes management to-day and it is proper that there should be said to its readers a word of greeting. The political policy of the Times will be Democratic. It will loyally sup-port the principles enunciated by the party in its these times, he had living a lawful wite, Louisa Smith Roberts, who alone has borne a him children.

Mr. Schroeder said the witnesses were in Utah, readily accessible if the committee desired to summon them. He suggests to other benevolent purposes. The largest amount given by any one society was \$30, that at Miss Adah Roberts, the daughter of Mr. Roberts, was now in the city and that Miss Adah Roberts, the daughter of Mr. Roberts, was now in the city and the Mr. Schroeder had covered the general desired to add anything, but stated that Mr. Schroeder had covered the general question sufficiently, and that the detailed evidence would be ready if the committee desired. At this point Representative Mr. A. M. McLean, of Cincinnati, O., defates in the evening, after which Rev. Mr. A. M. McLean, of Cincinnati, O., defates in the evening amount given by work. The following officers were elected: President was a stated that he thought there was a to the status of Mr. Roberts. Some thought there was a tileved an address on "Missionary Work." The following officers were elected: President, Rev. Mr. William L. Darby, of Kirkstyllies, and the stated that he thought there was a to be the status of Mr. Roberts. Some thought there was a to be the status of Mr. Roberts. Some thought there was a to be the status of Mr. Roberts. Some thought there was a to be the status of Mr. Roberts. Some thought there was a to be the status of Mr. Roberts. Some thought there was a to be the status of Mr. Roberts. Some thought there was a to be the status of Mr. Roberts. Some thought there was a to be the status of Mr. Roberts. Some thought there was a to be the status of Mr. Roberts and the propose of the status of Mr. Roberts and the propose of the status of Mr. Roberts and the propose of the status of Mr. Roberts and the propose of the status of Mr. Roberts had not the store of the purpose of sufficient the propose of the purpose of sufficient the propose of the purpose of suffice the purpose of sufficient the propose of sufficient the prop

Government Seed Distribution. Pastors to Answer for Contempt of Court. OMAHA, NEB., Dec. 9.—Judge Scott, of the district court, has ordered that Rev. Elmer P. Quivey, general manager of the Nebraska Children's Home Association, be WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The department of agriculture will begin its distribution of seeds a little earlier this year than last, shipping them South the beginning of January and perhaps sending a few shortly before the first. This year the seeds for distribution to all parts of the country will consist of 13,000,000 packs of vegetable seeds, 1,558,000 of flower seeds besides field and lawn grass seeds.

Franchise Declared Forfelted. ST. JOSEPH, MO., Dec. 2—(Special.) The city council has declared forfeited the franchise granted to the Zickner Water Company, of Chicago, to construct a waterworks plant costing \$800,000. The bond of \$50,000 was declared forfeited. The time for be-

ginning work has expired.

Guard Falls in a Fight With Americans.

Pilar, commanding Aguinaldo's body guard, was killed by Major Peyton March's battalion of the Thirty-third infantry, in a fight eighteen miles northwest of Cer-LESUEUR, SULLIVAN, CHRISMAN vantes, December 3. According to reports which General Young obtained from escaped Spanish prisoners at Vigan several days ago, Major March left the coast, THESE APPEAR AS SOLE OWNERS where he was pursuing Aguinaldo, and encountered General del Pilar on a fortified trail. They fought for four hours, during which time seventy Filipinos were killed and wounded. The American loss was one

man killed and six wounded. The Spaniards report that Major March is still pursuing the insurgents. Del Pilar was one of the leaders of the present and of another Spanish revolution. He was mere youth and was reported to have grad-JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 9 .- (Special.) uated at a European university. Professor first peace commission, and rated him as remarkably clever.

CHICAGO'S LIVE STOCK SHOW. Horses, Packing Products and Ap-

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.-The International Live Stock exposition, to be held at Chi-cago from December 1 to 8, 1900, will embrace, among its main features, the fol-

A grand breeders' prize exhibition of cattle, hogs and sheep.

A great fat stock show on the order of the renowned annual Smithfield shows of England.

A display of draft horses and horses for A display of draft horses and horses for general use, not as a society show, but as a utility show.

An exhibition of dressed meats and meat food products of all kinds and refrigerator appliances for preserving them.

Animal by-products, showing the complete utilization of all parts of the slaughtered animals not directly used as meat foods.

An exhibition of packing house methods and appliances and government inspection Appliances of all kinds for transporting animals and meats. Meetings of Breeders and Stockmen's As-sociations.

ELECTROLYSIS IN CHICAGO. It Is Ruining Water Pipes and Railway Companies May Be Pro-

ceeded Against. CHICAGO, Dec. 9.-The law department of the city government is preparing an street railway companies to provide their rails with proper connection to prevent leakage of electricity and the subsequent damage to water and other pipes laid below

A burst in a water main was reported and workmen found, on laying bare the sixinch pipe, that a hole an inch in diameter had been eaten entirely through the pipe, while in other portions immediately about the leak, the pipe was almost as badly eaten away. The leak was nine feet below the surface of the ground, immediately under a street car line. In another place an eight-inch main burst and, when excavation was made, it was found that a large hole had been eaten through the iron. This main was also nine feet below the street car tracks.

The city electrician has had trouble with electrolytic action on conduits for electric light and telephone wires, and on several occasions has been obliged to tear up conduits that are practically newly laid.

NO REPLIES IN YET.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.-The various publications coming from European sources touching the decision of the powers to meet the United States' request for a formal written understanding to maintain the written understanding to maintain the "open door" in China, are giving satisfaction to the officials here as indicating the success of this important diplomatic investigation. However, it may be stated that the responses of the European governments have not yet reached the state department. It is realized thoroughly that, in a matter of this importance, the negotiation must be conducted with the greatest circumspection and deliberation. Hence, it is no matter for surprise that the responses have not yet been received. It is hoped that the final success of the negotiations can be communicated to congress in the shape of a special message from the president, accompanied by an explanatory statement from Secretary Hay, soon after the holidays.

Accused of Embezzlement.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 2.—T. Newton Edwards, who was postmaster at Lawrenceburg, Ky., has been arrested by a deputy United States marshal at Monroe City, Mo., and brought here. He is charged with emberziling several hundred dollars while postmaster, Judge Adams, of the United States court, ordered that Edwards be taken to Louisville, Ky., for trial.

A SCENE OVER AT THE "ROBERTSES."



The Mrs. Roberts (in chorus)-"There, I told you so. If you hadn't married to other two you would have been a full-fledged congressman by this time."

FILIPINO GENERAL KILLED. Commander of Aguinaldo's Body MANY MINERS DEAD

MANILA, Dec. 9.—General Gregorio del DISASTROUS EXPLOSION OF FIRE DAMP IN WASHINGTON.

SIXTEEN BODIES RECOVERED

IT IS SAID THAT NUMBER OF FATAL-ITIES MAY REACH FIFTY.

Seventy-eight Men Were Working in the Mine at the Time of the Explosion, Which Was in a Tunnel Under a Town.

CARBONADO, WASH., Dec. 9 .- An unknown number of men, variously estimated at from sixteen to fifty, lost their lives in an explosion of fire damp in a coal mine under this city this forenoon.

Coroner Hoskel says the mine officials

place the number of dead at thirty-three. Shortly before noon this quiet coal mining village was stunned with the first report of a terrific subterranean explosion in the mine of the Carbon Hill Coal Company, the tunnels of which run for miles under the town. There was an enormous rumbling, smothered sound for a few moments, and then it ceased abruptly.

people knew at once what this meant and stood around with blanched faces. Apprehensions of some fearful disaster were confirmed in a little while with information that the morning shift in tunnel No. 7 had been caught in an explosion of fire damp. Between seventy and eighty men were at work in the mine at the time, and the meager report conveyed the information that all must have been killed, as there was no chance of escape. Those who were not killed outright would be hemmed in by falling walls and timbers and suffocated by the fumes and smoke before any opportunity of relief could come. A rush of the inhabitants was made in he direction of the mouth of the tunnel. Women, the wives of the men suppose o be in the shift, ran to and fro, screaming and wringing their hands with anguish, crying children clinging to their skirts. It was all that T. D. Davies, the superintendent of the mine, could do to keep the friends of the doomed miners and their

wives from plunging madly into the tunnel's mouth The coal mines here are those of the Carbon Hill Coal Company, but they really belong to the Southern Pacific Railway Company. The coal is a soft bituminous variety, productive of a large proportion of gas and has been much used in gas manu-

facture. The foreman in charge of the shift was J. H. Davies, It is said that seventy-eight men were working under him. Sixteen bodies, all mangled cut of recognition,

aughter. Thomas Edwards, 40, leaves widow. Evan Richards, 30, leaves widow and six

children.

Howell Meredith, 59, leaves widow and nine children, of whom two are married sons and two are daughters.

Howell Meredith was working considerably above the water level when the explosion came and he lowered himself down plosion came and he lowered himself down a timber chute to rescue one of his sons, Daniel Meredith, working below. The son came out unharmed, but his father is still down in the mine and one of the rescue force says he saw his dead body.

The tunnel in which the explosion took place is about one and one quarter miles in length on a water level under the southwest part of the town. There are several air chutes running up to the surface of Wingate Hill, west of here.

The force of the explosion was such that it knocked down John Ryan, a Finn, who was working at the eighth cross-cut, 200 feet above the water level.

The depth of the mine varies from 500 to about 1,000 feet, according to the contour of the surface.

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Ever since the catastrophe Superintendent Davies and Foreman Jonah Davis have been fighting against the odds of this deadly gas, aided by the brave Welshmen.

Just at this moment, 8:45 p. m., a number of men have been pulled up through the timber chute near the summit of Wingate hill from a depth of several hundred feet. They were picked up from six of gate hill from a depth of several hundred feet. They were picked up from six of the levels near the water level. Three more have been rescued up through the inclined tramway. All of them are badly blackened and burned and they were immediately taken to the company's hospital wrapped in clothes soaked in linseed oil. The scenes at the hospital are pitiful. Men whose clothing is almost burned from their bodies are laid out as fast as they arrive, their eyebrows and hair singed and their faces black and bleeding. Women and children surround the building weeping.

A crowd of voiceless men stand in front A crowd of voicess men stand in front of the mouth of the incline, walting to see who of their friends will next be brought out alive. Occasionally a shapeless body comes up on the car. Rescue parties are working both in the incline and at the old timber chute on the bill.

PRISON EARNINGS SMALL

For November They Were \$1,919, and Expenses Were \$18,755-No

Grain Inspection Profits. TOPEKA, Dec. 9.-(Special.) Warden Tomlinson, of the state penitentiary, to-day turned into the state treasury \$1,519, earned by the prison during the month of November, and drew out \$18,755 to pay the expenses for running the institution during the same period. George Kanavel, treasurer of the board of charities, also drew out \$23,000 to meet bills of the various institutions for November. State Grain Inspector McKenzie turned in \$2,000 as receipts of his department for November and ceipts of his department for November and then drew it all out to pay salaries of in-

Copeland-Dupean Nuptials.

MEXICO, MO., Dec. 3.—(Special.) The marriage of Conductor C. G. Copeland to Miss Sue Duncan is announced. Miss Duncan is to meet her intended husband at San Antonio, Tex., where they are to be married. They expect to make their home in the City of Mexico, where Mr. Copeland has a railroad position. He is the conductor who was injured in the Missouri City wreck, which resulted in a suit against the Wabash road for E35,000. The last trial of the case in the circuit court here resulted in a hung jury.

Board of Trade Man Expelled. CHICAGO, Dec. 9.-C. A. Whyland, senior partners the firm of C. W. Whyland & Co., prominent or